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Erica Walters - Canvas makes huge noises

From: Dong, Yan <yan.dong@cityofsanjose.org>
To: "ericawalters@cityofsanjose.org" <ericawalters@cityofsanjose.org>
Date: 9/10/03 1:11 PM
Subject: Canvas makes huge noises
CC: <yan.dong@cityofsanjose.org>

Hi, Erica:

My name is Yan Dong and I am a resident of Sunnyvale. I'd like to thank you for taking time to explain the Montezuma Child Development project when I went to your office two weeks ago.

As I mentioned to you, there is another thing that affects my daily life (and I believe a lot of my neighbors', too). Just outside my backyard, there is an outdoor stadium leased by a football team. The stadium is inside the Santa Clara Unified School District property and is adjacent to 1003 Stanford Way. They put a large white canvas over the stadium and it made huge noises whenever the wind blows. We had been waken a lot of time during the night. They removed it during the summer time but I learned they plan to put it back soon. I hope your department can help us to remove it permanently.

If you need more information, please call me at 408-539-1058.

Thank you so much for your help.

Regards,

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Judith A. Petroski
1104 Lillick Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

September 14, 2003

Planning Division
City of Sunnyvale
Sunnyvale, CA
Attn: Erin Walters

Reference: file number 2003-063#
location 1095 Dunford Avenue
project Sabercat Tent

I am categorically opposed to having this huge eyesore become a fixture in my neighborhood.

My house is on the corner of Teal and Lillick and has a view of the monstrosity that was erected last season. This was not a small "tent" such as some one might put up for a picnic or party, but is an enormous structure, hundreds of feet long, supported by a skeleton of steel beams three or four stories tall. These massive beams were topped with highly reflective white plastic sheets. When the wind blew, these sheets reverberated noisily.

This is a neighborhood of nice, well cared for, single family homes which are no more than two stories tall. This gross commercial structure is so out of place in our low density residential area that it will have and a damaging effect on property values. This ugly erection is proposed to be up three quarters of every year!

The Sabercats have practiced for years in a portion of this school playground that is enclosed by a high but relatively unobtrusive dark green wall. Moreover, the area is not accessible or useable by anyone but the Sabercat organization all year round. This is private exclusive use by a business establishment of public land. In effect, the public has already "donated" to this business. The neighborhood should not be dragged into giving additional support.

The area used by the Sabercat organization is lit and in use quite late on some nights, even

into the wee hours of the morning. I do not know if this is somehow "official Sabercat organizational use" or it is "just" serving as an attractive nuisance.

Various school football teams practice on these playgrounds in the open air. The Sabercats themselves have practiced in the open air for years!

Why do we need this monstrosity on school property in the middle of a low density residential area?

I repeat: I am categorically opposed to this project.

Sincerely,



Judith A Petroski

EMAIL

Email from: aidasm@earthlink.net
To: cwahers@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us
Date Received: September 16, 2003
RE: Aida--SCUSD/SJSabercats Tent

Hello Erin!

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Aida Messersmith, I live at 1080 Dunford Way, across the street from the Sabercats practice field. I have lived at this address since March 1966. During this time, I have observed many changes at the 1095 Dunford Way property. I DO NOT mind the tent over the Sabercats practice field. However, I would very much appreciate it if, on windy days, the tent flaps are well secured so they DO NOT make noise all night long.

It's good to have the Sabercats in the neighborhood. They are quiet, respectful and inspire everyone.

Take care,

Aida

-- Aida Messersmith

City of Sunnyvale

TELEPHONE MEMO

From: Chuck Moss
Phone: 554-9318
Address: 1062 Castlewood Way
Received: September 16, 2003

To: Erin Walters, Project Planner

Re: Sabercats Tent Application

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- Why does the Sabercats tent need to be up for 9 months?
 - November to April is the rainy season. June and July is not the rainy season.
 - The Sabercats should take down tent at the end of April when rainy season ends.
 - Mr. Moss understands the need of the tent by Sabercats during the cold rainy winter season.
 - Mr. Moss will try to attend the Administrative Hearing.
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Rudy Sin
1056 Castleton Way
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
Home (408) 247-4771
Cell (408) 505-7032

September 16, 2003

City of Sunnyvale
455 W. Olive Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
Attention: Erin Walters, Project Planner

Subject: Proposed Use Permit for the Santa Clara Unified School District/San Jose Sabercats

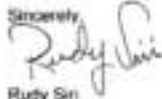
Dear Ms. Walters,

I am concerned about the tent over the Sabercats practice field. I saw it this year and it does not fit in with the residential neighborhood. To put it bluntly, it sticks out like a sore thumb.

The length of time that the proposal allows the tent to stay in place is nine months. It might as well be permanent. This is entirely too long. My research (on the internet) shows that the Arena League Football season runs approximately from February 2nd until the Arena Bowl which last year was held on June 22nd. By my calculations, that is five months. Why is the team asking for nine months?

I am not anti business but I wish to keep the integrity of the neighborhood intact. I would be willing to support a tent for the rainy months only, say from February through April. However, I must say that if I lived directly in sight of the tent I would be totally against it. I can sympathize with those homeowners. It is not something that you would expect to see in a residential neighborhood.

In closing, it seems to me that the Sabercats are trying to take advantage of the neighborhood by asking for nine months. Their season isn't even that long. Please take my view into consideration.

Sincerely,

Rudy Sin

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It is obvious in the end, spending in the neighbourhood - parking on a divided way that prevents field usage needs to be limited to about 4-5 parking spaces per field gate, and the back of field usage permit parking should be directed to the always empty perimeter parking lot - it is common road to limitation to beyond - other parking lot - example - the waste water to the field is even clear, should they? what will happen in the field then the parking lot for all address?? what better way to start a weekend? - after all, why have a huge perimeter parking lot if it is empty most of the time? -

It includes good ground anywhere and a sheltering wall - recently displaced from across path and now living in the potter's field (recently used the under sewage treatment, only as it requires from in behind the houses - go to the house and live carefully - people as a company of at home) (Note: State: 1970-1980) - no more parking on the grass (see field, place) - the spot distance between the potter's field and kitchen to be of about the ground against another long ago - direction of enlarged open space (note: is domestic, however, place and simple, is not) - as a house adjacent -

If there is no further fact at this point in time, that I'm sure someone will think of one.

1st - see structural photos - in this order. 1st photo - storage container that endangered owl was seen living under by two women. 2nd photo - new ground squirrel homes behind where there - and a barn owl - and I found under the bushes about a month ago after running at the track one morning - I living under the asphalt under a good home for ground squirrels. But there is no real food source, so they used to travel out onto the open space where local hawks can get territorial and to create an obstacle.

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BEFORE YOU READ THE ATTACHED PUBLIC NOTICE FROM THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE:
the proposed re-installation of the giant sabre cats tent at the 1095 dunford property is truly an important issue that needs to be addressed, but so are the issues listed below - please feel free to utilize the meeting this wednesday! september 24th 2003 in the west conference room of the sunnyvale city hall 436 w. olive avenue, sunnyvale, ca @ 2 pm to discuss the issues listed below, or anything else regarding the peterson, patrick henry or raynor fields that may concern you or your neighbors...

even if you receive this message after wednesday september 24th, or for some reason cannot make it to the meeting due to the 'convenient' 2pm wednesday meeting time (?) - you can contact: project planner erin walters @ <ewalters@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us> / or call (408-730-7237) - and/or sunnyvale mayor julia miller @ <juliamiller@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us> - and/or the santa clara unified school district board of supervisors @ (408-423-2006) / & superintendent paul perotti @ the superintendent's office - (408-423-2006) - >:)> you can visit the santa clara unified school district web site @ <http://www.scu.k12.ca.us/> and click on: "SCUSD Who Are We?" or "Contact Us" - ORU contact: kank stern vice president of the san jose sabre cats @ <ksstern@santajasabrecats.com> and remember! the more people you contact, and the more you call or email, the more effect you will have!!!

(The Use Permit (92003-0634) staff report to allow the practice tent at Patrick Henry School Site is available for review at <http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/ah2003/reports/9-24-03/03-0634.htm>)
once again, the Administrative Hearing regarding the giant sabre tent will be held this Wednesday September 24, 2003 at 2pm at the West Conference Room in City Hall...but what about...

1) excessive traffic and speeding in the neighborhood? - parking on dunford way for peterson field usage needs to be limited to about 4-5 parking spaces per field gate, and the bulk of field usage permit parking should be re-directed to the always empty peterson parking lot - (el camino road to henderson to beyond - into parking lot.) - why have a peterson parking lot if it is empty most of the time? -

2) litter generated by patrick henry, peterson and raynor field users? - all over dunford way and mainly at the peterson and patrick henry fields - what is it? a \$1000 fine for littering? the grounds crew person is sick of cleaning up litter all the time! enough!!! -

3) endangered ground squirrels and a harrising owl - recently displaced from raynor park now living in the peterson field? - the owl was seen living under the storage containers by the peterson football fields' scoreboard, and also heard behind the bleachers...it could be in the nature area by now (go to the nature area live cam! @ <http://peterson.ca.compsaid.net/home/NatureAreaLiveCam>) - and! the open dirt area between the peterson track and dunford used to be inhabited by ground squirrels and owls long ago, and it seems they are now heading back - destruction of endangered species habitat is domestic terrorism, plain and simple...a serious offense! tell them to clear the field gate, please!!! no more parking on the field!!! -

4) sabre cats industrial storage containers on the peterson field located next to the football field, that were supposed to be placed on the 1095 dunford property near the proposed tent? - our neighborhood is not an industrial storage yard, nor do we want it to look like one - can we please consolidate the storage containers near the sabre cats mini-field at 1095 dunford? -

5) saturday or sunday afternoon arena sporting events just over your back fence whullhorn? - is the glory of hearing about 'number 40 billy-whatever-his-name-is' scoring a touchdown! blasted by a megaphone just over your back fence while trying to relax on your day off...

(there is no number six at this point in time, but I'm sure someone will think of one...maybe even a number seven or eight...)

SPEAK OUT NOW PEOPLE - THIS IS YOUR BIG CHANCE!!!

thank you!!

ps - in all neighborhood conditions, please obey posted speed limits at all times, especially the new 19 mph signs at dunford and dunthorpe - if we all slow down a bit it will make the neighborhood a better place for everyone - thanks again!!

EMAIL RECIEVED

Email from: <Aetheis@aol.com>

To: ewalters@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

Date Received: September 22, 2003

RE: Staff report #2003-0634

Dear Erin,

Confirming our telecon of 9/18/03, I wish to voice my objections to the erection of a tent over the Sabercats practice field.

The tent is not only completely incompatible with the neighborhood of single story family residences, but, also with the size of the school buildings on the Peterson school site.

It's architecture is not only massive, plain, stark, and imposing, but, out of scale with existing structures within the neighborhood.

The tent represents an industrial building in a low rise single family area.

It is ugly, noisy, and can not possibly meet the City-Wide Design Guidelines.

It should not have been put up in the first place, and now is the time to see that it doesn't get put up again.

Sincerely

Albert E. Theis

EMAIL RECIEVED

Email from: m.h.munro@att.net
To: ewalters@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us
Date Received: September 24, 2003
RE: File Number 2003-0634

Ms Walters:

A few weeks ago I contacted you regarding the new private school at Peterson, but it was approved. Today, some neighbor dropped off the Sabercats request.

The whole Dunford Street area is being turned into a commercial endeavor by the Santa Clara School District, with the concurrence of the Sunnyvale City administration. Like every weekend, there was a whole street of cars, with crowds, amplified music and an announcement system, which starts early in the mornings & goes on virtually all day & then departs with the usual garbage strewn all over the place.

I moved into this single family zoned area, but apparently Sunnyvale will not control the commercialization by the Santa Clara District. Three private schools, a practice field for professional sports plus major soccer activity by non locals, all weekend long is out of order. There is absolutely no control over the weekend activities by anyone.

Kindly support the citizens of Sunnyvale in controlling the Santa Clara School District activities in Sunnyvale.

Morrison Munro

EMAIL RECIEVED

Email from: cbarrier@interorealestate.com
To: cwalters@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us
Date Received: September 24, 2003
RE: Use permit to allow tent over Sabercats practice field

Dear Erin:

As president of the Camino del Prado town home complex and a home owner we would like to state for the record our disapproval of this proposal.

Our concerns are as follows:

1. the size, height, and negative aesthetic impact on the community's character,
2. duration and sue impact from the canvas tent flapping in the wind.

It could cause devaluation in property values of homes that are in close proximity. Please advise as to the outcome of today's meeting.

Catherine Barrier

PHONE MESSAGE RECIEVED

From: Anthony Rockitch

Address:

Phone Number: 296-2328

To: Erin Walters, Project Planner

Date Received: September 25, 2003

RE: File Number 2003-0634

Message left on Erin Walters answering machine.

- Opposed to Sabercats tent- protest!
- Neighborhood experiences a lot of traffic.